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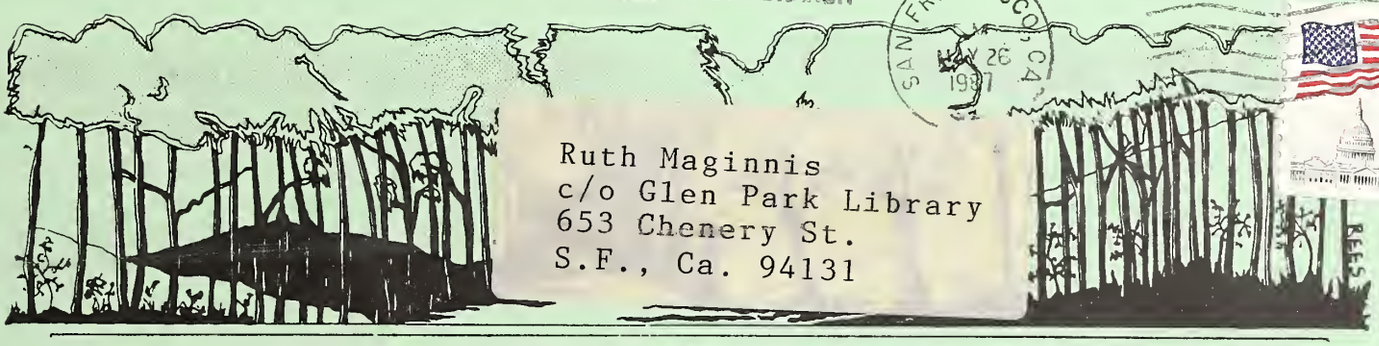

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Aircraft Noise – The Sky is Falling

The aircraft noise over Glen Park is increasing. Granted that cities are inherently noisy, aircraft noise is one we don't have to put up with. You can do something about it.

Call San Francisco Airport Noise Abatement at 876-7816. They will take your name and number and send you a card acknowledging your complaint. And complaining makes all the difference. Both Katie Flynn and Lenda Barth, who tackled this issue previously, emphasized that squeaky wheels definitely get the most grease (and the least overflights).

In fact, the recent upswing in overflights of Glen Park is because people in Millbrae complained often enough to get a temporary noise abatement in effect over their community. So now the planes fly over Glen Park.

GPA will be writing the Mayor and Board of Supervisors asking them to look into ways of reducing noise over Glen Park. (Yes, it can be done. Oakland Airport has strict controls on overflight noise. We need to get similar enforcement for San Francisco.) It will help the cause tremendously if these

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Dealing With Car Vandalism

Since December, at least half the blocks in Glen Park have been hit with car vandalism: graffiti-ed cars, ripped off hood ornaments and emblems, and cars getting broken into and the glove compartments rifled seemingly for sport alone. There are several ways of dealing with this problem, none of them completely satisfactory. They are:

Car alarms: These come in two forms. One version prevents the car itself from being stolen, but does nothing to ward off vandals or thieves. The second type are motion detectors. If the car is even touched, a noisy alarm will sound for two minutes, then stop. Depending on the model, it may reset itself. The drawbacks are cost (up to $2000 for the alarm and aftermarket installation) and that they drive everybody crazy

The Italian method: When this writer lived in Rome, it was standard procedure to leave your car locked but with the glove compartment open and empty. Some people left the entire car wide open. This lets potential thieves know there's nothing to steal, so they don't destroy your car trying to find out. You risk the car being trashed or stolen, and it

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GPA Meeting Dates - 1987

Many events are taking place right now that will affect life in Glen Park in the near and distant future. You CAN affect these events.

Your voice counts, and will be heard -- if you are there to speak. So right now make a note on your calendar to attend GPA gatherings.

GPA Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 PM, in the Recreation Center Auditorium, at Elk and Chenery Sts. See you there!

June 9	September 8
July 14	October 13
August 11	November 10

December - no meeting

Rec Center Summer Schedule

Summer is almost here, and the Glen Park Recreation Center offers a wide range of activities for all age groups. For more information see the Director at the Rec. Center or call 585-2875, 10AM - 4PM.

Monday thru Friday: Free Lunch Program forthose 18years and under, 12 - 1PM, Rec Center Auditorium

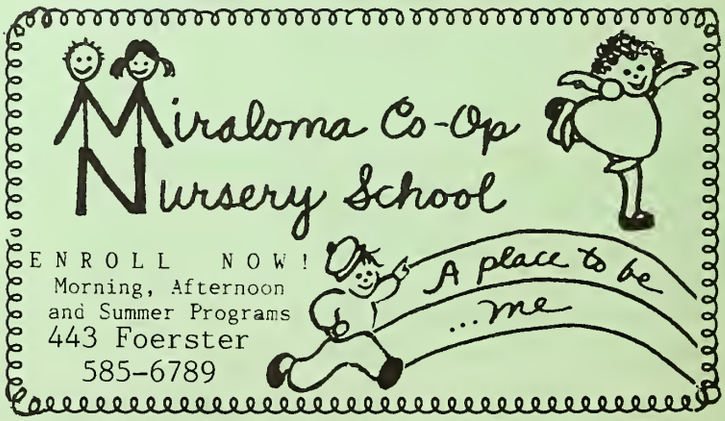
Monday: Children's Trampoline, ages 7-15 10AM - 12 Noon
Children's Crafts and Indoor Games, 2 - 3 PM.

Tuesday: Children's Tennis, ages 7 - 13, 2 - 3:30PM.
Boy's Seasonal Sports, ages 9 - 17, 2 - 5:30PM, Must sign up.

Wednesday: Adult Beginner's and Advanced Beginner's Tennis, 9:30-12 Noon.
Children's Tap Dancing, ages 6-12, 10 - 11:30 AM.
Movies at Kabuki Theater, ages 6-14, 1 - 4:30 PM.
Adult Seasonal Sports for Males, 2 - 5:30 PM.

Thursday: Special Outings planned each week. Contact Director for details, times, and sign-up. For kids.

Friday: Adult Intermediate Tennis, 10-12Noon.
Pre-school Music, ages 2½ - 5, 10 - 10;30 AM.
Children's Recorders, 10:30-11:30AM.
Adult Volleyball Club, 6:30-8:30PM.
Adult Open Volleyball, 8:30-9:00PM.



Friends of Glen Canyon Want You

Friends of Glen Canyon Park is off to a great start this spring with very successful walks through the Canyon. The April walk concentrated on the extensive variety of birds that inhabit the Canyon, while the May walk focused on the insect population. Did you know, for example, that our canyon has the only colony in San Francisco of an unusual damselfly? It does, and they're neat!

All walks start behind the Recreation Building near the creek.

If you have some expertise about the canyon's history, geology, plants, wildlife, folklore -- anything at all -- the Friends would love to hear about it. But be warned: they're very persuasive, and may talk you into leading a walk.

Want to get more involved? Friends of Glen Canyon Park needs people who'd be willing to work a few hours on an occasional Saturday or Sunday to help inventory plants, chop fennel and other undesirable plants, as well as assist with contacting city officials, outside experts and potential sources of funding.

In short, there are lots of things that need to be done to help bring out our Park's special potential. And you can be the person who makes all the difference.

To volunteer, call Dawn Murayama at 333-9053. Or come to a Friends meeting, held on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:45 p.m. in the Rec Center.

There is only one gardener assigned to all of Glen Canyon Park. Whenever you are walking there, please take along a small bag for holding the sadly inevitable trash you'll find along the way.

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New Goodies in the Park

Work on a complete upgrade and redesign of the Children's Play Area in the Park will begin in August, now that the Park Commission has approved the design. If you have suggestions about the plantings to be done, Walter Kocian, the designer, would like to hear from you. His number is 558-4757.

Several months ago, steps appeared in the night on Elk Street across from Sussex Street, to make it easier on both people and the forest to enter the canyon. The plan was decided and approved about three years ago by some people in the community and John Wurm of Rec & Park.

The good young people of the San Francisco Conservation Corps handled all the work.

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Stop Signs Cause Accidents

At a community relations forum held at Ingleside Police Station on Feb. 17, Norman Bray, Chief Traffic Engineer of the San Francisco Dept. of Traffic and Safety, made the statement that stop signs can cause traffic accidents.

Stop signs are most effective in preventing 'right angle' accidents, said Bray. However, their effectiveness is reduced when installed at a series of corners along a street, due to the tendency of drivers to ignore the signs as a sort of nuisance. In such circumstances, department policy is to decide against installation.

Bray pointed out that the department decision is not the last word. If his department rejects the application (and Bray admits they reject far more than they accept), the resident may have the installation approved at the behest of a member of the Board of Supervisors. If you feel a street corner near you warrants a stop sign, contact Mark Richard of the Traffic & Parking Committee, GPA, to find out how GPA can help you to get installation.

Bray said that a similar procedure also applies to other traffic matters, such as making a street one-way or vice versa. However, these situations require a petition by residents on the affected street.

Red & Yellow for Traffic

At the request of the GPA Traffic & Parking Committee, a larger red-light lens has been installed in the traffic signal at the infamous corner of Diamond and Monterey Streets. We hope this will cause motorists to pay greater heed to the signal after several recent accidents and countless near misses.

Curbside parking in the Joost/Monterey area has now been limited to 4 hours, except for vehicles with 'D' stickers. Provided the limit is enforced, this should alleviate parking congestion for the area's residents and businesses, who were beseiged by BART commuters who found a temporary parking haven after construction there.

Those 'snazzy yellow reflectors' mentioned in a previous GPA News promised for Chenery Street may be some time in coming. Although Chenery is listed as needing reflectors as of its recent repaving, the City is now only installing reflectors on streets paved in time for the '84 Democratic Convention! GPA feels that Chenery's beguiling curves constitute a significant safety hazard, and is seeking to expedite installation of the reflectors.

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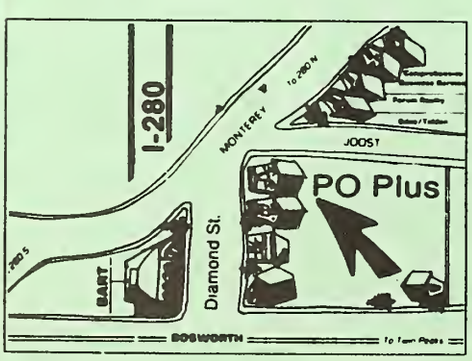

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Powers That Be can turn to citizen complaints to show that this is indeed a matter of concern to the neighborhood. If you can take the few minutes to write or call the Mayor's office and a Supervisor or two, it will strengthen our argument.

Now is the time to act, because air traffic is going to increase greatly in the next few years. Five years ago there were 1500 'operations' at SFO per day; now there are 2600. SFO needs to be pushed into over-water and other routes that don't disturb residents.

We are working with our Noe Valley neighbors on this issue, and will be writing the FAA with suggestions on safe route changes so planes will be higher when they turn over Glen Park. Speed restrictions would also lower engine noise.

When you call the Airport Noise Abatement office, they'll tell you that routes change because of the weather. This is true. They may also tell you that the planes are noisy because of the weather. This is not true. We maintain that in all conditions, the planes are too low and too loud over Glen Park.

Getting the planes out of Glen Park skies is going to take a period of intense, concerted effort. But it's worth it. ANY time you hear a plane that you think is too low or too loud, call the Airport with the time and your location. The more you call, the sooner the planes will switch. The number again is 876-7816. It'll only take a minute, and will pay off in peace and quiet.

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The Library – It's Not Just Books Anymore

Want to know what your street looked like 50 years ago? Heard rumors that there used to be a dairy in Glen Canyon? What about pirate caves?

To find out virtually anything about the history of Glen Park, visit the branch library on Chenery Street. Librarian Ruth Maginnis maintains a sizeable collection of photos, clippings and reports that date back to, in some cases, 1908.

Ruth emphasizes that she wants to add even more. If you have photos, or would like to chat with someone eager to listen about your early memories of the area, Ruth wants to talk with you. Even personal momentoes and reminiscences are valuable, as they breathe life into the documented portions of the collection.

The library's doors are open on Monday, Thursday and Friday from 1-6; on Tuesday from 10-12 and 1-6, and on Wednesday from 1 to 9 p.m.

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Graffiti Update

Ingleside Police District now has two officers assigned to do nothing but nab graffiti taggers. They report that, to a large extent, they're getting the same kids over and over again. Though few young people actually tag, their conduct is widely condoned by their peers.

If you have not already done so, we ask that parents make clear to their young people the impacts of graffiti to the community. The costs of removal run into the tens of thousands of dollars each year in Glen Park alone. Graffiti also takes a toll on the community peace of mind and pride, and significantly lowers property values.

This issue of the Glen Park News has been underwritten with the help of the following Glen Park residents:

Steve and Nancy Arcelona
Dolores Tighe
Gary Mankin
Jan McHugh
Frederick and Asuncion Herms

Purse Snatching Tips

Once every few months, between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Diamond Street between Chenery and Surrey, a purse gets grabbed. If you walk up Diamond during those hours, you should be especially alert. Do not carry your handbag on the street-side of your body. If it feels uncomfortable on your 'other' shoulder, then cross the street.

In all circumstances, women should never just let a purse hang loosely. Keep a grip on it and walt alertly and confidently. (This, we realize, isn't easy, going up a steep hill at the end of a hard day's work.) If somebody does try to grab your purse, quickly decide if you have a chance to hang on to it. Don't simply grab by reflex action. Your purse and its contents aren't worth your sustaining an injury during a struggle.

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does nothing to protect exterior or interior decoration.

Neighborhood action: Most car vandalism occurs between 10:30 p.m. and 2 a.m. You and your neighbors can take turns staying up late to watch for car vandals. If you spot them, you should take down their license number (if they're in a car), and call police central dispatch -- 553-0123 -- and report a crime in progress. The drawback is that this is unbelievably boring, and the chances that your block will get hit on any given night are miniscule.

So now what? Your guess is as good as anyone's, including the police department and Project SAFE. One school of thought says burglars are attracted to messy cars, as they have greater potential to hold something of value. The other school says clean cars attract burglars, as they belong to richer people who may have valuables in their cars.

Parents, your neighbors remind you that car medallions do not rain down from the heavens. If your son or daughter collects them, they're stolen. Period. The medallions cost from $20-50 to replace, and stealing them often causes ancillary damage. On VWs, for example, it often disables the trunk lock, which costs about $200 to fix.

Capt. Philpott at Ingleside Police Station asks that you report EVERY instance of car vandalism, no matter how minor. His manpower assignments are based entirely on reports. Verbal or apocryphal evidence doesn't count; only the paperwork matters. The more reports we fill out, the more patrols we get and the less likely the remaining 50% of Glen Park blocks will be victimized.

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What are your main interests or concerns about Glen Park?

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Would you be interested in helping further these interests by serving on a Committee?

___Yes ___No If yes, which one?_____

It's NOW time to renew your membership. Per our bylaws, all memberships expire on Dec. 31st. Unless you have already done so (since 11-1-86), be sure to complete the form above and send it to us with your $5.00 dues. Or you can bring them to the January meeting. In order to vote at the January regular meeting or the February Annual Meeting, you must be a member with your dues paid in full for 1987!

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